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adrenoceptor, the human  $\alpha_{1B}$  adrenoceptor and the human  $\alpha_{1D}$  adrenoceptor.--

--213. (New) The method of claim 208, wherein the MCH1 antagonist also binds to the MCH1 receptor with a binding affinity at least ten-fold higher than the binding affinity with which it binds to the human  $\alpha_{2A}$  adrenoceptor, the human  $\alpha_{2B}$  adrenoceptor and the human  $\alpha_{2C}$  adrenoceptor.--

A marked-up copy of the amendments showing the changes made is attached herewith as **Exhibit 3**.

In the Inventors:

Please delete John A. Salon, Thomas M. Laz, Raisa Nagorny, and Amy E. Wilson as inventors.

REMARKS

Claims 42, 122-124, and 198-207 were pending in the subject application. By this Amendment, applicants have canceled claims 42 and 122-124 without prejudice or disclaimer, amended claims 198-207, and added new claims 208-213. Accordingly, upon entry of this Amendment, claims 198-213 will be pending and under examination.

Applicants have amended page 1 of the specification to remove any priority claim for the subject application.

Applicants maintain that new claims 208-213 and the amendment to claim 198 raise no issue of new matter. Support for amended claim 198 and for new claim 208 may be found inter alia in the

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specification, as originally-filed, on page 93, lines 1-17. Support for new claim 209 may be found inter alia in the specification, as originally-filed, on page 93, lines 23-28. Support for new claim 210 may be found inter alia in the specification, as originally-filed, on page 93, lines 30-33. Support for new claim 211 may be found inter alia in the specification, as originally-filed, on page 93, line 35 through page 94, line 4. Support for new claim 212 may be found inter alia in the specification, as originally-filed, on page 94, lines 6-10. Support for new claim 213 may be found inter alia in the specification, as originally-filed, on page 94, lines 12-16.

Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the amendment be entered.

**Declaration and Power of Attorney**

The Notice To File Missing Parts Of Nonprovisional Application indicates that the oath or declaration is missing. Applicants attach hereto a copy of the Notice as **Exhibit 1**. In response, applicants submit as **Exhibit 2** hereto a Declaration and Power of Attorney pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53(f). In compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.63, the Declaration refers to the application's above-identified serial number and filing date.

The late Declaration surcharge set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.16(e) for a small entity is SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$65.00) and a check including this amount is enclosed.

**Petition To Amend Inventorship Under 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b)**

Due to the cancellation of claims 42 and 122-124 hereinabove, applicants have deleted John A. Salon, Thomas M. Laz, Raisa

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Nagorny, and Amy E. Wilson as inventors. Beth Borowsky, Thomas P. Blackburn, and Kristine Ogozalek are the inventors of the subject matter claimed in pending claims 198-213.

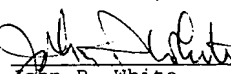
Pursuant to §1.48(b)(2), the ONE HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLAR (\$130.00) processing fee set in §1.17(i) is required to amend inventorship under §1.48(b), and a check including this amount is enclosed.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

No fee, other than the enclosed \$250.00 fee (\$55.00 for a one-month extension of time, \$65.00 late Declaration surcharge, and \$130.00 processing fee for amending inventorship), is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Amendment. However, if any other fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited this date with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231

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